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SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

**Mount Auburn Cemetery**

JANUARY 1, 1908.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
Cemetery of Mount Auburn  
FOR 1907.



TOGETHER WITH  
THE REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

BOSTON :  
THOMAS GROOM & CO. (INC.), STATIONERS  
No. 105 STATE STREET.  
1908.

# OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1907.

## Trustees.

CHARLES F. CHOATE	-	-	-	-	<i>Term expires in</i>	1908
FRANKLIN W. HOBBS	-	-	-	-	" "	1908
WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON	-	-	-	-	" "	1909
DAVID R. WHITNEY	-	-	-	-	" "	1909
JEROME JONES	-	-	-	-	" "	1910
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS	-	-	-	-	" "	1910
ALFRED HEMENWAY	-	-	-	-	" "	1911
JOSEPH B. RUSSELL	-	-	-	-	" "	1911
CHARLES H. WATSON	-	-	-	-	" "	1912
PRENTISS CUMMINGS	-	-	-	-	" "	1912
FRANCIS C. FOSTER	-	-	-	-	" "	1913
THOMAS P. BEAL	-	-	-	-	" "	1913

## President.

PRENTISS CUMMINGS.

## Treasurer.

JOHN L. DILL.

## Secretary.

LEWIS G. FARMER.

## Superintendent.

JAMES C. SCORGIE.

## Offices of the Corporation.

ROOMS 601, 602 and 603,  
SEARS BUILDING,  
BOSTON.

TELEPHONE, 3662 MAIN.

## Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,  
P. O. ADDRESS  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

TELEPHONE, 687 CAMBRIDGE.

The offices of the corporation are open daily from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., excepting from May 1 to October 1, when they close at 12 M. on Saturdays.

The office of the Superintendent is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily, except on Sundays and Holidays, when a clerk is in attendance (for the reception of interment business only) from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

For the convenience of Proprietors unable to go to the Cemetery, the Superintendent is at the Boston office every Monday, from 10.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.

## SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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The trustees submit to the proprietors this their seventy-sixth annual report, and annex thereto the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The routine business of the corporation, though constantly increasing in amount, varies from year to year very little in its nature; and the year last past has been no exception. Its affairs, since the last report, have prospered. The proceeds of the sale of lots have amounted to \$11,362.10. The Repair Fund, so called, being the trust fund to secure perpetual care contracts, has increased \$47,816.83, and now amounts to \$1,503,638.75. The Permanent Fund, intended to provide for expenses after receipts from the sale of lots have ceased, has gained \$12,504.75, and now amounts to \$518,599.73. The General Fund, which was established to meet all expenses for construction, renewals, and improvements of every kind, now amounts to \$226,148.48, having decreased during the year \$3,744.15. This decrease has been due chiefly to necessary new construction, and reconstruction, the details of which are given in the table below. A portion of the expenses of the sewer mentioned in the last annual report fell due this year. The Potting Shed, which was towards as old as the corporation, required renewing and enlarging; and to enlarge without moving the greenhouses required the purchase of a small strip of land. The corporation has never had a house for wintering half-hardy plants, like the cactus, which would winter-kill if exposed to extreme cold, but yet must be kept cool during their season of rest; and a building of cement concrete, with a small hot-house adjoining,

has been erected for that purpose. A portion of the Receiving Tomb has been reconstructed to meet modern methods. The stone of which the administration building on the grounds was constructed turned out to be so porous that the hollow brick lining failed to protect the rooms inside in case of heavy easterly storms; and the entire plastering in four rooms and the hallway was removed, and replaced with an additional air-space. The expenses of the above paid out of the general fund this year were as follows: —

Spruce Avenue Sewer .....	\$2,026.95
Potting Shed (including land purchased) ..	4,854.62
Half Hardy House .....	3,800.00
Receiving Tomb reconstruction .....	1,162.22
Administration Building repairs .....	775.27
	<u>\$12,619.06</u>

The expenses incident to the destruction of brown-tail moths and similar pests have amounted to \$1,171.00; and \$1,492.81 has been expended on Halcyon Lake.

The Trustees have adopted a nine-hour day for workmen in accordance with a petition from them, that being the practice in other cemeteries in this vicinity. The expense of the change this year has been about \$1,500, and will be from \$1,500 to \$2,500 every year.

The Trustees have authorized the repurchase through its appropriate committees of lots from lot owners desiring to sell. The object of this is to insure as far as possible the placing of all lots under perpetual care. Mount Auburn was established for the purpose of furnishing a beautiful and well ordered cemetery; and time has demonstrated that from the dying out and removal of families, carelessness, and other causes, lots not under perpetual care are liable to be neglected. One lot was so repurchased during the past year at an expense of \$500, which was charged to the general fund.

Mr. Israel M. Spelman, who was President of the corporation for thirty-one years, died on August 6 last at the age of ninety. His services to the corporation were most valuable, and the present management renew their grateful acknowledgments as set forth in the report of last year.

For further details as to the finances and business of the corporation, reference may be had to the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent hereto annexed.

For the Board of Trustees,

PRENTISS CUMMINGS,

*President.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year .....		\$25,280.82
He has received from sundry parties —		
For sale of lots.....	\$11,362.10	
" labor and materials on lots .....	67,115.04	
" deposits in receiving tomb .....	990.00	
		79,467.14
For deeds and transfers .....	\$118.00	
" interest on loans, etc. ....	7,117.69	
" Des Moines and Minn. bonds .....	10,000.00	
" City of Somerville bonds .....	8,000.00	
		25,235.69
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co. on account of income on Permanent Fund.....		8,250.00
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one- quarter of expenditure grading new land for sale .....		345.60
Premiums retired.....		352.30
		<u>\$138,931.55</u>



## FOR THE SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR, 1907.

## EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties —

For labor (pay roll).....	\$46,049.51	
“ materials .....	26,126.84	
“ repairs, buildings and fences .....	1,541.38	
“ receiving tomb drawbacks .....	12.00	
“ grave repurchased .....	20.00	
“ lot “ .....	500.00	
		\$74,249.73

For expenses —

For salaries .....	\$12,970.19	
“ office expenses .....	5,414.61	
“ taxes on real estate .....	1,795.83	
“ insurance .....	374.00	
		20,554.63
For Michigan Central R. R. bonds .....		9,975.00
Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales .....		2,605.02
Balance in hands of Treasurer .....		31,547.17
		<u>\$188,931.55</u>

# ANNUAL REPORT

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer as per last report..... \$23,231.20

He has received —

From notes receivable .....	\$134,068.30	
“ endowments .....	28,797.00	
“ income of investments.....	54,732.05	
“ premiums retired.....	1,724.67	
		<u>\$219,322.02</u>
		<u>\$242,553.22</u>

He has paid for said account —

For care and improvement of lots .....	\$33,615.80	
“ notes receivable secured by mortgage.....	88,300.00	
“ Boston & Maine R. R. bonds.....	5,000.00	
“ Chicago & North Western R. R. bonds .....	20,000.00	
“ City of New York bonds.....	20,000.00	
“ City of New Bedford bonds.....	15,000.00	
“ City of Minneapolis bonds .....	10,000.00	
“ City of Cleveland bonds.....	20,000.00	
“ City of St. Paul bonds .....	10,000.00	
“ Commonwealth of Massachusetts bonds .....	10,000.00	
“ premium on bonds .....	6,925.00	
“ accrued interest on bonds .....	989.72	
“ perpetual care of grass on graves repurchased..	15.00	
“ “ “ “ myrtle on grave discontinued .....	10.00	
		<u>\$239,855.52</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer .....		2,697.70
		<u>\$242,553.22</u>

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## REPAIR FUND.

Endowment for perpetual care of lots, as per last report .....	\$1,455,821.92
Additions during the year .....	47,816.83
	<u>\$1,503,638.75</u>

Invested as follows —

Notes receivable secured by mortgage .....	\$663,270.00
Railroad bonds .....	480,920.20
Municipal bonds .....	295,000.00
Other bonds .....	30,000.00
Unretired premiums on bonds .....	31,750.85
Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	2,697.70
	<u>\$1,503,638.75</u>

## GENERAL FUND.

### CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	\$31,547.17
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage .....	40,846.32
Municipal bonds .....	47,000.00
Railroad bonds .....	39,400.00
Other bonds .....	59,925.00
Premiums on bonds, unretired .....	1,415.51
Bills for labor and material uncollected .....	\$9,001.87
Less due sundry persons for labor and materials .....	2,987.39
	<u>6,014.48</u>
	<u>\$226,148.48</u>

## PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co. as per last report .....	\$506,094.98
Interest .....	\$20,754.75
Less transferred to General Fund .....	8,250.00
	<u>12,504.75</u>
	<u>\$518,599.73</u>

## THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION.

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water-works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, new chapel, office buildings and statuary, old chapel remodeled for crematory, observatory, receiving tomb gateway and other structures, reception house and 5,620 feet of land on Mt. Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 60,954 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, propagating greenhouse situated on Mound Avenue within the cemetery, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Swain and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DILL,  
*Treasurer.*

BOSTON, December 31, 1907.

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This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year nineteen hundred and seven have been examined by Mr. Gerald Wyman, professional accountant, who has reported that he found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments; property in value and kind to agree with the accounts of the Treasurer was exhibited to and examined by him, and he also certifies that in the general account there is a cash balance of \$31,547.17 and in the fund for repairs of \$2,697.70.

CHARLES H. WATSON,  
THOMAS P. BEAL,  
*Committee on Finance.*

JANUARY 2, 1908.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:—*

GENTLEMEN— I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1907.

### IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts .....	31
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded .....	84
“ old lots bounded with granite posts .....	5
“ lots furnished with granite numbers .....	41
“ headstones erected .....	265
“ monuments erected .....	64
“ catch basins built .....	4
“ lineal feet of concrete paths built .....	125
“ tombs removed .....	1
“ iron fences removed .....	2
“ granite curbings removed .....	6
“ hedges removed .....	3

### INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report .....	36,191
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907.....	473
“ “ removals from other cemeteries .....	11
Total number of interments for the year .....	484
“ “ “ “ in cemetery .....	36,675
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb .....	27
“ “ “ “ interments in public lots .....	27

### THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

To public lots .....	2
To private lots .....	17
Total removals within the cemetery .....	19
“ “ from the cemetery .....	29
Total number of removals .....	48

### CREMATION RECORD.

Total number of incinerations, as per last report .....	981
Number of incinerations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907.....	210
Total .....	1,191

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

*Supt. of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.*

SUPT'S OFFICE, December 31, 1907.

## OFFICERS FROM 1831 TO 1908

## TRUSTEES†

*Joseph Story.....	from 1831 to 1845
*Jacob Bigelow.....	" 1831 " 1879
*George Bond.....	" 1831 " 1842
*Benj. A. Gould.....	" 1831 " 1859
*H. A. S. Dearborn.....	" 1831 " 1833
*George W. Brimmer.....	" 1831 " 1832
*Charles Wells.....	" 1831 " 1832
*Zebedee Cook, Jr.....	" 1832 " 1833
*Edward Everett.....	" 1831 " 1832
*George W. Pratt.....	" 1831 " 1832
*Joseph P. Bradley.....	" 1833 " 1837
*Charles Browne.....	" 1833 " 1837
*Charles P. Curtis.....	" 1833 " 1864
*Samuel Appleton.....	" 1834 " 1837
*Elijah Vose.....	" 1834 " 1835
*James Read.....	" 1835 " 1870
*Benj. R. Curtis.....	" 1837 " 1851
*Martin Brimmer.....	" 1838 " 1847
*Isaac Parker.....	" 1838 " 1854
*Samuel T. Armstrong.....	" 1839 " 1840
*George W. Crockett.....	" 1843 " 1855
*John C. Gray.....	" 1845 " 1849
*John J. Dixwell.....	" 1847 " 1851
*Mace Tisdale.....	from 1850 to 1853 and 1855 " 1858
*George H. Kuhn.....	from 1852 " 1855
*Charles C. Little.....	" 1852 " 1869

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*Isaiah Bangs.....	“ 1854 “ 1859
*James Cheever.....	“ 1856 “ 1870
*Uriel Crocker.....	“ 1856 “ 1865
*William R. Lawrence.....	“ 1856 “ 1860
*Henry S. McKean.....	“ 1856 “ 1857
*Charles G. Nazro.....	“ 1856 “ 1865
*William T. Andrews.....	“ 1859 “ 1863
*Jacob Sleeper.....	“ 1859 “ 1870
*Edward S. Tobey.....	“ 1859 “ 1863
*Edward Austin.....	“ 1860 “ 1870
*Edward S. Rand.....	“ 1860 “ 1871
*George Livermore.....	“ 1864 “ 1865
*Otis Norcross.....	“ 1864 “ 1870
*J. Ingersoll Bowditch.....	“ 1865 “ 1870
*Paul Adams.....	“ 1865 “ 1870
*Loyal Lovejoy.....	“ 1865 “ 1870
*Isaac Livermore.....	“ 1866 “ 1874
John T. Bradlee.....	“ 1870 “ 1877
*Nathaniel J. Bradlee.....	“ 1870 “ 1880
*Alfred T. Turner.....	“ 1870 “ 1874
*Thomas M. Brewer.....	“ 1870 “ 1880
*Edward Lawrence.....	“ 1871 “ 1881
Charles F. Choate.....	“ 1871 “
*William Perkins.....	“ 1871 “ 1880
*Samuel T. Snow.....	“ 1871 “ 1880
*James L. Little.....	“ 1871 “ 1877
*Henry W. Pickering.....	“ 1872 “ 1877
T. Quincy Browne.....	“ 1874 “ 1899
*Israel M. Spelman.....	“ 1874 “ 1905
*Charles U. Cotting.....	“ 1877 “ 1885
*Alanson Bigelow.....	“ 1877 “ 1884
*Henry A. Rice.....	“ 1877 “ 1895
David R. Whitney.....	“ 1879 “
*William S. Eaton.....	“ 1880 “ 1899
*Roger Wolcott.....	“ 1880 “ 1893
Jerome Jones.....	“ 1880 “ 1901

*Samuel R. Payson.....	“	1880	“	1893
*J. Montgomery Sears.....	“	1881	“	1905
*Channing Clapp.....	“	1885	“	1892
*Richard M. Hodges.....	“	1885	“	1895
*Samuel Johnson.....	“	1892	“	1899
Henry S. Shaw.....	“	1893	“	1899
*Joseph Sawyer.....	“	1893	“	1901
Francis C. Foster.....	“	1895	“	
David W. Cheever.....	“	1895	“	1907
Joseph B. Russell.....	“	1899	“	
*Frank W. Reynolds.....	“	1899	“	1905
Charles H. Watson.....	“	1900	“	
Prentiss Cummings.....	“	1900	“	
Edward W. Hutchins.....	“	1901	“	
Thomas P. Beal.....	“	1902	“	
Franklin W. Hobbs.....	“	1906	“	
Jerome Jones.....	“	1906	“	
Alfred Hemenway.....	“	1906	“	
William L. Richardson.....	“	1907	“	

## PRESIDENTS

*Joseph Story.....	from	1835	to	1845
*Jacob Bigelow.....	“	1845	“	1871
John T. Bradlee.....	“	1871	“	1874
*Israel M. Spelman.....	“	1874	“	1905
Prentiss Cummings.....	“	1905	“	

## SECRETARIES

*George W. Pratt.....	“	1831	“	1832
*Charles P. Curtis.....	“	1832	“	1835
*Benjamin R. Curtis.....	“	1835	“	1844
*Henry M. Parker.....	“	1844	“	1855
*Austin J. Coolidge.....	“	1855	“	1870
*Samuel Batchelder, Jr.....	“	1870	“	1876
*J. Harris Reed.....	“	1876	“	1882
Lewis G. Farmer.....	“	1883	“	



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## TREASURERS

*George Bond.....	from 1831 “ 1842
*George Wm. Bond.....	“ 1842 “ 1867
*Austin J. Coolidge.....	“ 1868 “ 1870
*Henry B. Mackintosh.....	“ 1870 “ 1900
John L. Dill.....	“ 1900 “

## SUPERINTENDENTS

*David Haggerston.....	from 1833 “ 1834
*John W Russell.....	“ 1834 “ 1840
*Rufus Howe.....	“ 1841 “ 1855
*Jonathan Mann.....	“ 1855 “ 1861
*Daniel L. Winsor.....	“ 1861 “ 1870
*Charles W. Folsom.....	“ 1870 “ 1873
*James W. Lovering.....	“ 1873 “ 1895
James C. Scorgie.....	“ 1895 “

\*Deceased.

†The persons whose names occur under the head of “Trustees,” before the year 1835, constituted, until that year, “the Garden and Cemetery Committee” of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

## CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

### FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR “PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY,” OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. \_\_\_\_\_ on the way called \_\_\_\_\_ in said Cemetery.

### FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING “RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST.”

(Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made )

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. \_\_\_\_\_, in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.

## PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Article VIII of the By-Laws as follows : —

DONATION IN TRUST.—“The Trustees may receive in trust from a proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY.—“The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in the bonds or notes of such other corporations, which have earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment, as shall be deemed a proper and suitable investment by the Committee on Finance; or in such investments as are authorized by the State of Massachusetts for savings banks, provided :

“That no investment in excess of \$40,000 (par value) shall be made in any one security, and

“That the Committee on Finance shall report monthly to the President, to be laid before the Trustees at the next meeting, a list of all investments which shall have been made from this fund since the previous meeting.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a

ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — "A proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation.

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance FOREVER*, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including re-sodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monuments or headstones are added subsequently to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given on page 15 of this report.

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING CREMATIONS MADE AT THE CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

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Before receiving a body for cremation, the Superintendent of the Cemetery shall take an order, signed by the nearest relative of the deceased, or by whoever has legal possession of the body.

If the death took place within the State of Massachusetts, Chapter 138, Acts of 1907, must be complied with, to wit :

The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after his decease unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and, if the death occurred within the Commonwealth, the body shall not be received or cremated by any corporation authorized to cremate the bodies of the dead until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, and a certificate from a medical examiner that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary. If the death occurs without the Commonwealth, the reception and cremation of the body of a deceased person shall be governed by a by-law or regulation made or approved by the State Board of Health.

The State Board of Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has established the following regulations governing the cremation of bodies received from without the State :

1. A dead body received for cremation from without the Commonwealth shall be accompanied by the usual burial permit required by law before burial, and, if from a State in which district medical examiners are established by law, by a certificate from that officer, similar to that required in this Commonwealth. If from a State in which there are no district medical examiners, it shall be accompanied by the sworn certificate of the attending physician, if any, of the deceased, setting forth the cause of death.

2. No dead body received from without the Commonwealth shall be cremated by any corporation authorized to cremate the bodies of the dead until

its officers shall have received a certificate from a medical examiner of this Commonwealth that he has viewed the body and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

3. Where the death occurred without the Commonwealth more than ten years prior to the time of the presentation of the body for cremation, it may be cremated on receipt by said corporation of the certificate or burial permit required by the laws of this Commonwealth before burial.

Except in cases of necessity incinerations should begin at least one hour before sunset.

The average time needed for an incineration is one hour. The body is placed in the retort, enclosed in the casket as received at the cemetery, the name-plate, metal handles, etc., being first removed. Two hours after the incineration the ashes can be delivered to the family, in a copper cylinder, terra-cotta urn or wooden casket, as they may select. If marble, bronze, or Wedgwood urns (with the name age, etc., inscribed) are desired they can be provided at some additional cost.

The charge for the cremation of the body of an adult will be \$30 and that of a child under ten years of age \$20. If the ashes are interred in a lot in the cemetery of Mount Auburn, no charge will be made for the interment, unless a brick, or other special grave is ordered.

In cases where the body is brought from without the Commonwealth, the charge for the medical examiner's certificate required by regulation No. 2 of the State Board of Health, will be borne by this Corporation.

Incinerations should not be made on Sunday, unless the cause of death is certified as contagious or infectious. An additional charge of \$5 will be made for a cremation on Sunday.

All the necessary blanks and further information desired may be had on application to

J. C. SCORGIE,  
*Superintendent Mount Auburn Cemetery,*

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

# PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES  
FOR 1908.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY.	
100 square feet	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional
300 " "	3.00	2.00	parts of 100 feet will be
400 " "	4.00	2.50	charged the rate of the
500 " "	5.00	3.00	next larger size when that
600 " "	6.00	3.50	fraction exceeds 50 feet.
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to the Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at the Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary re-interments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, re-sodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted.*

## TO PROPRIETORS.

## INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey his lot, or devise it by will ; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Rev. Laws, Chap. 133, Sect. 1):—

Title to lot held as real estate.

If proprietor dies intestate.

Heirs-at-law.

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue and no father or mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and issue of any deceased brother or sister.

6. If no issue and no father, mother, brother or sister, and no issue of any deceased brother or sister, then next of kin.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life ; and, if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of it during life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sects. 26, 28.) The same rights in a tomb or lot of his wife have now been given to a husband. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 29.)

Rights of husband and widow in lot.

Provisions of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or, if not devised and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representative to be designated.

Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26, and Sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation provide that if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot.

Representative no control over title.

This designation *does not affect the title*. The heirs-at-law or devisees are tenants in common, and no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Petitions for representation. Importance of prompt return.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*; otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

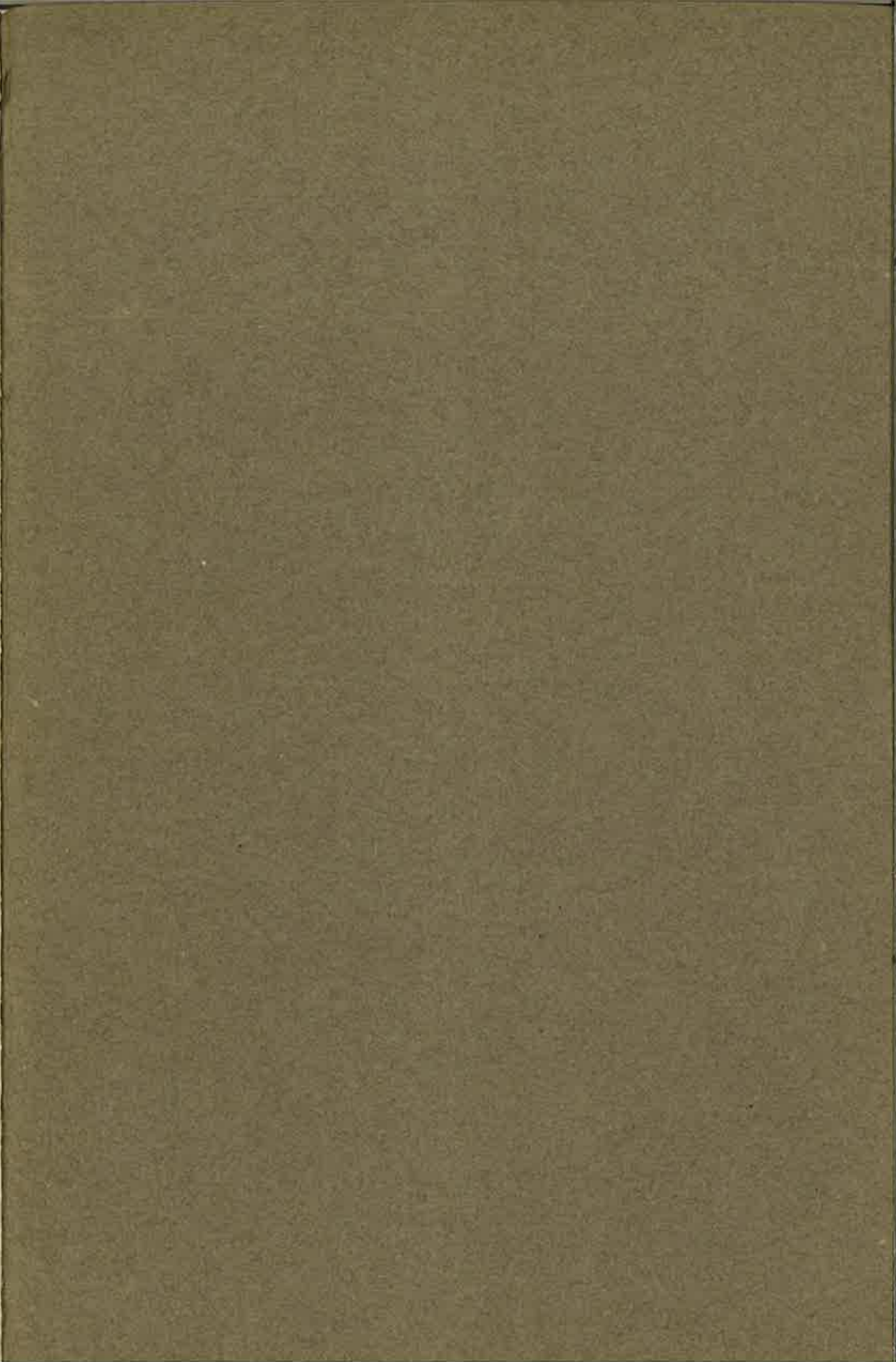
Lots indivisible. No record of part ownership.

Lots are *indivisible* (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26), and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. VII.)

LEWIS G. FARMER,

*Secretary.*





## Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

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Office of the Corporation,  
199 Washington Street.

Boston, Jan. 24, 1908.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the offices of the Corporation, Nos. 601, 602 and 603 Sears Building, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 3, 1908, at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

JOHN L. DILL, Secretary, Pro tem.